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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe that when an egg is fertilized by a sperm, that conception occurs? Do you believe that?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And eventually a stage of development is reached where that which was conceived is referred to as an embryo.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you believe that embryo is an unborn child?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I'm going to ask you the question. The human embryos mentioned in the committee amendment, do you believe those human embryos are unborn children?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it your belief that these embryos being discussed here are a result of conception?

SENATOR SMITH: If I understand you correctly, that is the case.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The fertilization of an...would you object to an amendment that would substitute "unborn children" for "human embryos"?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator, I would want to take some time to process that. I...on its face, I would say yes. But I would certainly want to look further into that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what do you have to look further into it for? You believe that an embryo is an unborn child.

SENATOR SMITH: Are you proposing this amendment?